# FILING FORMS W2/W3 ELECTRONICALLY WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY **ADMINISTRATION**



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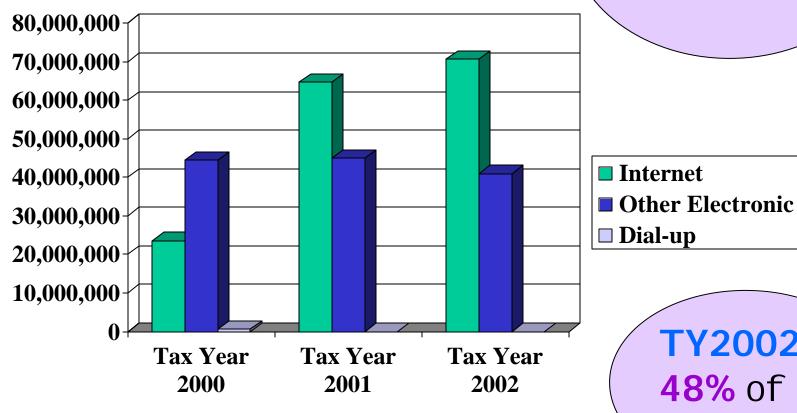


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# **Electronic Filing Success Story**

Over 110,000 files sent electronically

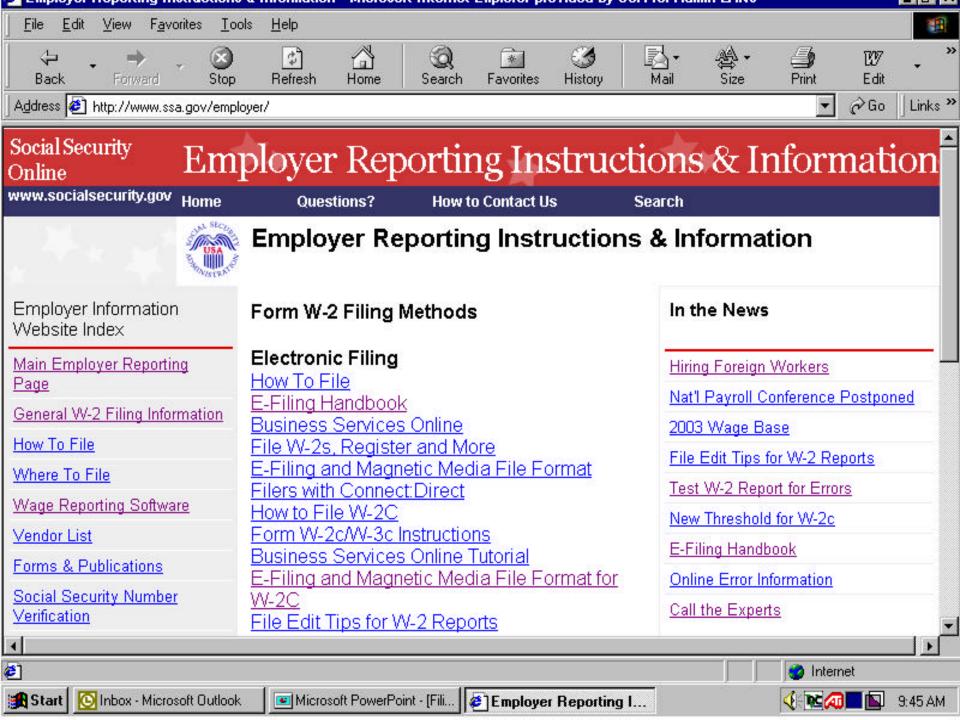


**TY2002 48%** of all W-2s

# What's In It For You



- Extended due date March 31st
- Immediate receipt
- Faster processing
- Fewer errors
- More services
- Less costly to employers and SSA



# **Business Services Online**

- Register for a PIN and password
  - Self-Employed can register online
- File W-2s
  - W-2Online
- Acknowledge notices
- View errors online
- Notices via e-mail



# Registering for a PIN/Password

# Fields Required

- Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth

- EmployerIdentificationNumber (EIN)
- Company Name
- Company Address
- Phone Number
- Email address



### How to use a PIN

#### Signature

Person responsible for wage reporting

#### Access to Online Wage Reporting Service

- Person responsible for transmitting the file
- Upload, Status
- Resubmission reply
- W2Online

#### • Pilot - Verify Social Security Numbers (SSNs)

 Person responsible for verifying SSNs for Employer and/or clients

# **Additional Registration Information**

- PINs valid indefinitely
- PASSWORDS valid for 1 year
  - remember to change every 365 days
- Requestors' data authenticated against SSA data before PIN/Password is issued
- Exception process for data that cannot be processed (1-800-772-6270)

File Paperless Wage Reports
Internet
Diskette



# **Specs**

- Magnetic Media Reporting and Electronic Filing (MMREF)
  - MANDATORY for all users
  - •TIB 4 format expired in TY 2000
  - •Same layout for diskette, tape, or electronic filing
  - •Uses a PIN as signature replacement, no Form 6559
- AccuWage Test Software
  - •Identifies over 200 edit conditions
  - On-Screen Display of Test Results
  - Printable Error Report
  - Self-Installing
  - Available free at: www.ssa.gov/employer

## W-2 Online Service

- Basic service (no frills)
- Allows Employers to directly key online Employee W-2 and W-3 information (20 or less W2s)
- Built-in surface edits
- Ability to print Employee copy of forms



# What to do if you get a No Match Letter

- 1. Check for typos
- 2. Consistent company policy
- 3. Inform employee to contact SSA
- Correct with W-2c within 60 days
- Document efforts, including if Employee is no longer in employment
- Keep all documentation for 3 year period
- Don't use mismatch to penalize employees



# Tools to check Social Security Numbers



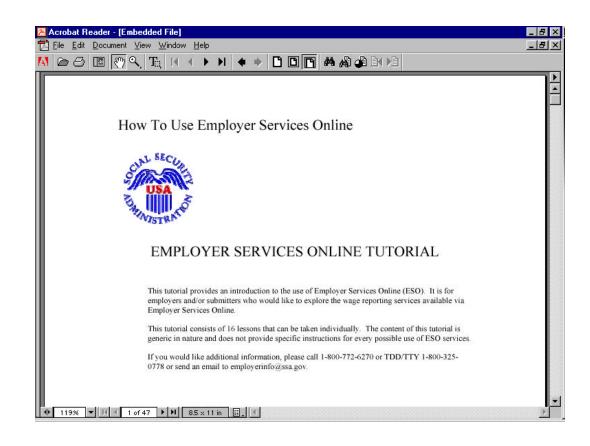
- Employee Verification Service
  - Phone
  - Paper list to Wilkes-Barre, PA Data Operations
     Center or your local Social Security Office
  - Disk/tape to Baltimore (Office of Central Operations)
- SSN Verification Service (Internet pilot)
- List of the range of issued SSNs
- AccuWage free test software
- Employer website www.social security.gov/employer

### **Future Enhancements**

- Notify you when password expires
- Registration for International employers
- Return TIB submissions (only use MMREF)
- Remove the 200 error limit in AccuWage
- No tapes/cartridges for TY2005
- No diskettes for TY 2006

#### **New ESO Tutorial**

Provides filers
with easy to use
step by step
instructions on
how to register,
upload wage files
and check the
submission status.



Just visit the SSA Employer Homepage at www.socialsecurity.gov/employer and see how easy it is to file electronically.

# ESO

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Play the Demo

# **SSA Contacts**

- Employer Website www.socialsecurity.gov/employer
- Employer Services Online (ESO)
   www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/eso
   home.htm
- Employer Customer Service 1-800-772-6270
- OWRS Technical Assistance Branch 1-888-772-2970
- Employer Services Liaison Officers

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